



Mr. Art Catbagan
Superintendent
200 East Santa Clara Street, 9th Floor Tower
San José, CA 95113-1905

17 April 2007

Dear Mr. Catbagan,

On behalf of my agency and the Filipino Youth Council, enclosed is our submission as requested in a letter from Mr. Albert Balagso, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, on April 5th. The information includes:

- A list of all partner community based organization (CBO) providers, specifically describing the services they will commit to provide, and further specifying a minimum quantity of hours per week and anticipated clients per week.
- A letter of commitment from the Board of Directors or Executive Director of each of those partner CBO's describing with specificity the extent and duration of their commitment

We hope the signed letters of commitment and letters of support will provide PRNS and the City Council the additional information needed. I will be sending you an outline of the presentation we are preparing for the community meetings scheduled next week. I plan to attend and present at all of the meetings.

Since I will be out of town on business from Sunday, 4/22 and returning on 4/25, I can be reached any time on my cell phone, 415-740-9900, should you have any questions during this period.

Sincerely Yours,

Jeff Mori
Executive Director

List of Partner CBO Committing Services

Organization	Ref. No.	Committed Service	Hours Per Week	Anticipated Clients/ Week
American Coalition of Filipino Veterans of WWII	A-1	Veterans Case Management and Social Services	20	30
Asian Americans for Community Involvement	A-2	Mental Health Counseling	6	10
FOCUS	A-3	Immigration Support Services	40	30
Korean American Community Services	A-4	Computer Literacy Classes	2	15
Self-Help for the Elderly	A-5	Senior Nutrition and Recreational Activities	30	240
Vivonam Youth Association (VYA)	A-6	Youth Martial Arts and Leadership Programs	10	150

List of Organizations Providing Letters of Support

Organization	Ref. No.
American Legion, Dept of Ca. Northside Post 858	B-1
American Legion, Dept of Ca. Northside Post 858 – Women's Auxiliary	B-2
Asian Law Alliance	B-3
Brown Bag Program (Clarence Long)	B-4
FOCUS	B-5
Korean American Community Services (KACS)	B-6
MALAYA	B-7
Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants (PAWIS)	B-8
Yu-Ai Kai	B-9

Included as Attachment C is the Form 3 – Narrative section from the proposal that was submitted which references the services being committed.

Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: A-1

Agency Name:

American Coalition of Filipino Veterans of WWII
Non-Profit Organization

Program Name:

N/A

Principle Contact:

Dominador Valdez, Sr., President
American Coalition of Filipino Veterans of WWII
2150 Alum Rock Avenue
San Jose, CA 95116
Phone: 408-251-0215

Program Description:

Provide social and veteran support services. Services will be documented through client attendance sheets.

Service Provided and Applicable Fees:

Program designed to assist veterans in obtaining and maintaining benefits. Assist in filling out paperwork, follow-up on registration or applications, facilitate transportation to and from medical appointments, referral services, informational seminars and workshops to inform veterans of changes in benefits and rights, case management, and provide social and recreational activities. These services will be provided free of cost.

Description of Clients:

Target population is the Veterans of WWII and their families. It is expected at 150 families will participate annually.

Schedule of Services

Services will be provided Monday through Friday for 4 hours per day.

Minimum Quantity of Services and Space Requirements

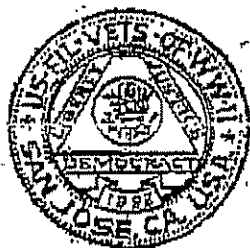
Services will be provided minimally 20 hours per week. The program will required one room with capacity for 5 participants.

Anticipated Number of Clients

It is anticipated that the program will attract 30 participants per week. Services will be run by veterans with assistance from Center staff as needed.

Agency Contributions

Services will be provided in-kind through existing funds and from fund provided through fundraising efforts.



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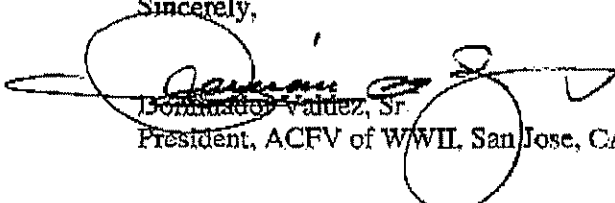
Jeff Mori
Executive Director
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Mori,

As the current President of the American Coalition for Filipino Veterans of WWII, San Jose Chapter, and in behalf of the membership of our organization, I am pleased to express our commitment to provide services at the Jacinto 'Tony' Siquig Northside Community Center for our veteran members and their families. As an organization of WWII veterans, we are both recipients of and providers of special services that have to do with our senior citizen status and military experience. We are a unique group in that we are, until today – sixty plus years since WWII – still fighting for our full military benefits. With the help of our community leaders, we have been actively participating in getting legislation passed to reclaim service benefits that we have rightly earned and deserve.

We would like to call JTS Northside Community Center our home away from home and look forward to enjoying services for the membership of our organization at the Center under new management. We fully support and thank Asian American Recovery Services and the Filipino Youth Coalition for your leadership and initiative in this new, ground-breaking community collaborative to improve the quality of life for our youth, families, seniors and veterans. We believe that this new direction for JTS Northside Community Center will enrich lives and strengthen our community.

Sincerely,


Dominador M. Valdez, Sr.
President, ACFV of WWII, San Jose, CA

Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: A-2

Agency Name:

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
Non-Profit Organization

Program Name:

N/A

Principle Contact:

Michele Lew, President and CEO
Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
2400 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 300
San Jose, CA 95128
Phone: 408-975-2730, ext. 103

Program Description:

Mental Health Services through group and individual counseling sessions. Desired outcome of services is improved mental health and well-being. Services will be documented through client attendance sheets and maintenance of confidential client charts including case notes.

Service Provided and Applicable Fees:

Mental Health Services through group and individual counseling sessions, for up to six hours per week, depending on client need. Clients will not be charged for services.

Description of Clients:

Target population is low-income Filipino adults and older adults from the local community, but services are open to individuals of all backgrounds who have mental health needs. Possible mental illness diagnoses could include depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Staff will sign clients up for individual or group appointments, depending on staff availability and client needs.

Schedule of Services

AACI staff will be on site for up to six hours per week, depending on client needs. Service days and times will depend on client needs. Individual client sessions will be provided in one hour sessions, and group sessions will be provided in two hour sessions.

Minimum Quantity of Services and Space Requirements

AACI staff will be on site for zero to six hours per week dependent on client need. For individual counseling sessions, AACI staff will need a private office with two chairs. For group sessions, AACI staff will need one private meeting room that could hold up to 10 participants.

Anticipated Number of Clients

One AACI staff person will provide services at the center to an anticipated average of 10 unduplicated clients per week.

Agency Contributions

Services will be provided in-kind through existing funds, pending no changes in AACI's existing county mental health contracts for FY07 through FY08.
Estimated value of services to be provided is approximately \$16,000/year.



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April 16, 2007

Mr. Jeff Mori
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Dear Mr. Mori:

On behalf of Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), I am pleased to express our commitment to provide services at the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center as a partnering agency.

Focusing on the diverse Asian American community, AACI's mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals and their families by providing an array of human services. AACI empowers the Asian American community by working collaboratively for equality and social justice. Founded in 1973, AACI's current programs include a senior center, after-school youth programs, English and citizenship classes, mental health and primary care health services, health education, and programs and shelter for women and children who are domestic violence victims.

Pending no changes in our existing county mental health contracts from fiscal year 2006-07 to fiscal year 2007-08, AACI is committed to providing mental health services at Northside through group and individual counseling sessions, for up to six hours per week, depending on client needs. Clients will not be charged for services.

We thank Asian American Recovery Services for your unparalleled leadership in building a collaborative initiative to serve members of the Northside community, and we look forward to working closely with you on this project.

We hope your proposal is given every appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

Michele Lew
President and CEO



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Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: A-3

Agency Name:

FOCUS (Filipino Community Support)
Non-Profit Organization

Program Name:

N/A

Principle Contact:

Rowena Tomaneng
Chair, Board of Directors, FOCUS
525 W. Alma Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125
Phone: 408-864-8286

Program Description:

FOCUS will provide general social work and support services, and workshops:
Social and Support Services will be designed to assist Filipino immigrant families by guiding them through a process to independently take on their issues and needs by providing information and referrals, including computer training and guidance to complete forms.

Provide workshops to educate them to advocate for issues impacting the Filipino community, with the goal of improving their day-to-day lives. Skill-based training will be provided to how to tackle and become advocates for their issues. The workshops will include: New Comers Orientation, Filipino History, Filipino Immigrant Rights Education, Community Education on Issues Affecting the Filipino Community (immigration, housing, health, employment, women, seniors and youth), Community Research (on the current conditions), and Leadership Development. All workshops, meetings, training, and related activities will have attendance sign up sheets to document and track participation.

Service Provided and Applicable Fees:

Services and Workshops described above, provided at no charges.

Description of Clients:

Immigrants and their families

Schedule of Services

Social and Support Services will be provided Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Workshops will be offered the first and third Monday of each month from 6pm-8pm.

Minimum Quantity of Services and Space Requirements

Space requirements will be one office with capacity for up to 4 participants for Social and Support Services, and one class room with a capacity for 20 people for semi-monthly workshops.

Anticipated Number of Clients

Approximately 10 families will participate in the social services program each week and approximately 20 participants are expected at each of the workshops.

Agency Contributions

Services will be offered at the center in-kind. The agency is committed to providing a community collaboration to improve the quality of life for youth, veterans and elders in the community.



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April 16, 2007

Dear Mr. Mori,

As the current President/Chair of the Board of Directors or agency Executive Director of Filipino Community Support, we are pleased to express our commitment to provide services at the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center as a partnering agency.

FOCUS (Filipino Community Support) is a community-based non-profit organization that provides support to Filipino immigrants, workers and their families in Santa Clara County, California, United States. FOCUS provides support through programs in social services, education and grassroots organizing.

The mission of FOCUS is to empower workers, immigrants and their families to ensure their health and economic well-being through culturally appropriate social services, sustained rights education, advocacy, community-based organizing and civic engagement.

FOCUS worked with JTSNCC during the San Jose airport screener's mass lay off in 2002. JTSNCC provided referral services to our clients, base on their needs at that time. We also did a collaborative activity in October of 2006 for the Centennial event (Filipino History Month).

Our organization will provide 2 programs for the Filipino community in the JTSNCC

1. Services for Filipino Immigrants and their Families (Monday to Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm)

We will provide these services to our community mainly by assisting Filipino immigrants and their families on their specific needs and guiding them through a process that will enable them to independently take on their issues/needs. This will be done through providing information and referrals, including computer training for system navigation and guide to complete necessary forms. There will be attendance sign up sheets for the clients as part of our documentation.

2. Filipino Community Education and Research (every first and third Monday of the month from 6:00pm-8:00pm)

We will provide workshops mainly to educate and advocate for issues impacting the Filipino community, with the goal of improving Filipinos' day-to-day lives. We will provide skills-based trainings to teach members of our community how to tackle and become advocates for their issues. Our workshops, meetings, trainings, and related activities will include attendance sign up sheets for documentation and tracking of number of participants.

- A. New Comers Orientation
- B. Filipino History (Philippine history, Filipino-American History and Culture)
- C. Filipino Immigrant Rights Education (Know Your Rights and Citizenship/Naturalization)
- D. Community Education on Issues Affecting our Community (immigration, housing, health, employment, women, seniors and youth)
- E. Community Research (current conditions of Filipinos)
- F. Leadership Development (leadership and organizing skills training)

We fully support and thank Asian American Recovery Services and the Filipino Youth Center for your leadership and initiative in this new, ground-breaking community collaboration to improve the quality of life for youth, veterans and elders in this community. We look forward to working closely with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you making this a success.

Sincerely,


Rowena Tomaneng

Chair, Board of the Directors

Filipino Community Support (FOCUS)

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Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: A-4

Agency Name:

Korean American Community Services, Inc.
Non-Profit Organization

Program Name:

N/A

Principle Contact:

Hyemee Ahn, Executive Director
Korean American Community Services, Inc.
1800-B Fruitdale Ave
San Jose, CA 95128
Phone: 408-489-1016

Program Description:

Computer literacy and training classes. Desired outcome of services is improved computer literacy among participants. Services will be documented through client attendance sheets.

Service Provided and Applicable Fees:

Computer classes designed to improve basic computer literacy. Participants will be charged a registration fee which will be used to cover the cost associated with the program

Description of Clients:

Target population is the older adult population from the local community; however, services are open to individuals of all backgrounds. Pre-registration will be required for planning purposes.

Schedule of Services

Classes will be provided once a week in 2 hour sessions. It is expected that each course will run for a 12 week period, and that 4 sessions will be offered per year.

Minimum Quantity of Services and Space Requirements

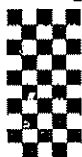
Services will be provided minimally 2 hours per week. The program will require one classroom with a capacity of up to 20 participants and equipment.

Anticipated Number of Clients

It is anticipated that the program will attract 15-20 participants per session. Services will require one instructor to be present during program hours.

Agency Contributions

Services will be provided in-kind through existing funds, registration fees and community donations.



Jeff Mori
Executive Director
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
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April 13, 2007

Dear Mr. Mori,

As the current Executive Director of Korean American Community Services, Inc. (KACS), we are pleased to express our commitment to provide services at the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center as a partnering agency.

KACS is a local San Jose community service organization that was founded in Nov. 1979. Our purpose is to serve the needy and vulnerable segment of the community with collaboration with other agencies. We have over 1,000 members. The JTS Northside Community Center is an important facility for our organization because KACS has operated computer class for the residents in San Jose. Our group frequently utilizes the community center for meetings and large events, and we expect to utilize the facility for KACS events every year. Additionally, many of our members also have connections to the essential Northside community services either as persons who directly access the services or make referrals to friends and family.

We fully support and thank Asian American Recovery Services and the Filipino Youth Center for your leadership and initiative in this new, ground-breaking community collaboration to improve the quality of life for youth, veterans and elders in this community. We look forward to working closely with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you making this a success.

Sincerely,

Hyemee Ahn, MSW
Executive Director
Korean American Community Services, Inc.

Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: A-5

Agency Name:

Self-help for the Elderly
Non-Profit Organization

Program Name:

Self-help for the Elderly – Santa Clara County

Principle Contact:

Helen Yuen, Director – Nutrition and Senior Centers
Self-help for the Elderly
407 Sansome Street
San Francisco, CA 94111
Phone: 415-677-7601
Fax: 415-296-0313

Program Description:

Senior nutrition and social recreational activities. Desired outcomes of services are improved physical and mental health. Services will be documented through client attendance sheets and routine participant service evaluation and survey.

Service Provided and Applicable Fees:

Provide hot meals as part of the nutrition component, will provide exercise classes, karaoke, social dance, and cultural enrichment programs as a component of the recreational activities. Services will be provided free of charge to participants. There will be a suggested nominal donation amount, however, clients are not required to donate, nor will service be denied based on a participant's inability to donate.

Description of Clients:

Target population is low-income or socially isolated seniors and older adults over age 60 from the local community. The program will outreach to the community to promote services offered at JTS Northside. Services are non-discriminating and are open to the public on a first-come-first-serve basis. There will be a reservation system made available for effective program operations.

Schedule of Services

Services will be offered from Sunday through Friday, from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

Minimum Quantity of Services and Space Requirements

Self Help will provide the services described above 6 days a week at 5 hours per day. The program will require the use of a recreation/dinning hall and a use of a kitchen for meal prep and cleanup. The space should accommodate up to 70 participants.

Anticipated Number of Clients

It is expected that there will be approximately 40-70 participants per day, and that there will be 300 unduplicated clients annually. In order to serve the anticipated clients, Self Help will staff each session with 3 staff and 4 volunteers.

Agency Contributions

Services will be provided through funds offered for senior nutrition services through the County of Santa Clara, Self Help will offer a 20% match on funds received.

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April 16, 2007

Dear Mr. Mori,

As the current Nutrition and Senior Center Director of Self-Help for the Elderly, we are pleased to express our commitment to provide services at the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center as a partnering agency.

Self-Help for the Elderly dedicated to improving the quality of life for elder adults through a comprehensive range of multicultural and multilingual services designed to promote the independence, dignity and self-worth of seniors. We are committed to collaborate with Asian American Recovery Services Inc. (AARS) to provide senior nutrition meals and social and recreational activities at the JTS-Northside Community Center in FY 07-08.

We fully support and thank Asian American Recovery Services and the Filipino Youth Center for your leadership and initiative in this new, ground-breaking community collaboration to improve the quality of life for youth, veterans and elders in this community. We look forward to working closely with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you making this a success.

Sincerely,

Helen Yuen
Director, Nutrition and Senior Centers Department

Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: A-6

Agency Name:

Vovinam Youth Association (VYA)
Non-Profit Organization

Program Name:

Hung Dao Martial Art Academy

Principle Contact:

Hai M. Nguyen, President
Vovinam Youth Association
2165 Maroel Drive
San Jose, CA 95130
Phone: 408-379-1876

Hien The Pham, Secretary and Treasurer
Vovinam Youth Association
1807 Penwood Street
San Jose, CA 95133
Phone: 408-258-2655

Program Description:

We provide activities such as martial art training and tournament-style competition, code of conduct teaching, annual summer camp, year-round participation in cultural events, and character building activities for youth to avoid gang activity, youth violence while promoting self-confidence and family cohesiveness. The outcome of VYA activities is to create youth who are useful members of society. Progress in the program is documented by the belt ranking system which requires rigorous training and passing of martial art skills and a citizenry examination.

Service Provided and Applicable Fees:

Currently, instructors and masters provide their time and services pro bono. Students are encouraged to contribute \$15 per month for training equipment and tools.

Description of Clients:

Clients aged 10-50 years old with physical ability to follow the class program are encouraged to participate. Although the class is open to all residents in the community; class size is limited and selection is determined by the individual's physical condition.

Schedule of Services

Our schedule will be determined by the hall's availability. Typically, Monday-Friday, 6:30-8:30pm multiple classes can be conducted during this timeframe.

Minimum Quantity of Services and Space Requirements

Each regular class will require a minimum of 4 hours per week with up to 50 participants per class.

Anticipated Number of Clients

Approximately 30-100 participants across all classes offered with up to 50% duplication. 5-10 instructional staff members will attend the 4-hour sessions.

Agency Contributions

VYA's martial art program is a volunteer-based supported by in-kind contributions from the instructional staff and community. In addition to providing services to youth in the community, we contribute to the community by having martial art performances.



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Executive Director
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc
1340 Tully Road, Suite 304
San Jose, CA 95122

April 12, 2007

Dear Mr. Mori,

As the current President/Chair of the Board of Directors of Vovinam Youth Association, we are pleased to express our commitment to provide services at the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center as a partnering agency.

The Vovinam Youth Association (VYA) is a non-profit organization founded in 2006 with the mission of providing martial art training and character building activities for youths. Prior to its incorporation, the VYA has had three successful years of providing educational and developmental services to the youths in the communities of Santa Clara and Alameda Counties. The services provided help youths to avoid gang activity, youth violence, as well as promoting self confidence and family cohesiveness. These objectives are achieved through activities such as martial art training, code of conduct teaching, annual summer camp, martial art tournament competition, and participation in year-round cultural events. The atmosphere at Vovinam schools is often like that of a large family. With high hope and dreams for the next generation, all instructors and masters volunteer their time to teach. Their dedication is aimed toward the goals of empowering youths and enabling them to be useful members of society.

With regard to the Northside Community Center, we would like to be able to use the large room (next to the kitchen) in the facility for holding our regular practice. Depending on your availability, we would like to hold the following classes:

Class 1: 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Mondays and Wednesdays

Class 2: 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays

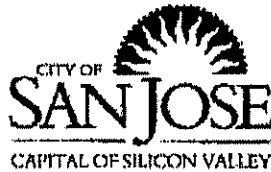
Class 3: 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Fridays

These classes will be operating year-round except major holidays.

We fully support and thank Asian American Recovery Services and the Filipino Youth Center for your leadership and initiative in this new, ground-breaking community collaboration to improve the quality of life for youth, veterans and elders in this community. We look forward to working closely with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you making this a success.

Sincerely,

Hai M. Nguyen
President/Chair of the Board of Directors



Chuck Reed
MAYOR

March 15, 2007

Dear Friends,

The City of San José is honored to be home to the Vovinam Youth Association (VYA), a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the Vietnamese cultural heritage through the teaching of traditional Vietnamese martial arts.

Vovinam Việt Võ Đạo's, philosophy and discipline, has helped foster young disciplined leaders who respect and serve their neighbors and our city. I thank them for supporting our youths and encourage them to take an active role in the community.

Additionally, at many community events such as the Community Resource Day and Community Cultural Fair, the Vovinam Việt Võ Đạo, martial arts demonstrations and lion dances have become a celebration of the rich traditions of the Vietnamese community. Through VYA's continued commitment to these programs our community has become stronger and more diverse.

Understanding cultural heritage and promoting diversity is key to the well-being of our City. Vovinam Việt Võ Đạo leadership, in promoting these programs has enriched our youths and our city, in addition to promoting awareness, peace and harmony in our community.

I would like to congratulate and commend the Vovinam Youth Association for its contributions in providing programming that supports and celebrates the rich cultural diversity of our community.

Chuck Reed
Mayor

Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: B-1

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April 15, 2007

Mr. Jeff Mori, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Mori:

We are pleased to write this letter to AARS (Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.) with the hope that you and AARS will eventually become the next operator of Northside Community Center. We urged the City Council for their approval.

As you know, Northside Community Center is the official home of Department of California, American Legion Northside Post 858. We started here. We named Northside Post after Northside. And we are here to stay to continue the legacy of the American Legion—"veterans helping other veterans".

At one time, each one of our members fought for our country's freedom during WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War. As a WWII veteran myself, I know the hardships that our WWII veterans are currently facing to restore their dignity as US Veterans of WWII. We believed that our efforts in WWII heavily contributed to defeating the enemy of the United States.

Some of us didn't surrender, so we continued fighting as guerillas. So of us were held prisoners and eventually participated during the Bataan Death March.

During our initial journey into the United States, we were very fortunate to have received services from Northside. With the previous operator, we were able to receive escort services, a vital services needed by our veterans if they are to access services available to them. Escorted services provided by a person who can provide transportation to life sustaining destinations and can provide interpretation and translation services are a must because some of our veterans need transportation, translation and interpretation of services that could be available to them.

We urged you to continue the services of Mr. Jack Jacinto who has been the veteran services coordinator hired by the previous operator and now on contract with the City of San Jose. Unfortunately, currently, he could not provide escort services to our members because of City of San Jose policy not permitting city staff using their own car to transport their clients to life sustaining destinations. It is our hoped that AARS will allow Mr. Jacinto to continue providing escort services like the previous operator.

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We are also encouraged by your plan to bring back the Brown Bag Program. A brown bag of groceries each week will tremendously help our veterans as we try to make do with the Security Supplemental Income (SSI) that each of received each month (over \$500 each month for single person). Mr. Clarence Long, Brown Bag Volunteer Coordinator, is one of our members and currently our Second Vice Commander. We have highly regards for his valuable contributions. each month (over \$500 each month for single person). Mr. Clarence Long, Brown Bag Volunteer Coordinator, is one of our members and currently our Second Vice Commander. We have highly regards for his valuable contributions.

Many of us who fought in WWII participated in the Bataan Death March. Because of the brutalities and the inhumane treatment that we received, all of us are now suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). We have been receiving tremendous assistance from the San Jose Vet Center, however, with your proposal of having a credentialed and certificated Filipino Social Worker would assist us and the Vet Center in helping file our claim with PTSD. Currently, the Vet Center does not have staff who can speak our language.

We have a center with commercial state-of-the-art kitchen facilities. Your plan to bring back on-site cooked meals should be a welcome site for those of us who prefer home cooked meals rather than the current catered meals. Why have a state of the art kitchen if we are not going to use it?

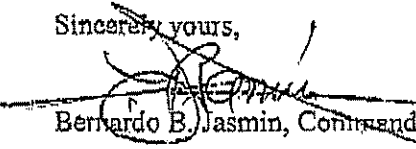
As we attempt to serve the neighborhoods veterans, your offer to have one of the rooms for veterans' services is also welcome. This room should be occupied by us in addition to American Legions Post 714, 714 Women's Auxiliary, 858 Women's Auxiliary, and First and Second Filipino Infantry of WWII. It would function as a centralized location for Veteran's Services and Information around the Northside Community.

We also want to thank you for including Mr. Tito A. Cortez as a member of your transition teams. As you know, Mr. Cortez was instrumental in bringing many of the resources of the previous operator. Because of Mr. Cortez' efforts, the previous operator received many grants such as the Healthy Neighborhood Funds, Public Health Funds, Hewlett Packard Funds and many others. Mr. Cortez is a current member of Northside Post 858, having been one of the co-founder. Like one of us, Mr. Cortez served for three (3) years in the US Army, eighteen (18) months in the former Republic of South Vietnam where he received numerous medals and recommendations.

On behalf of American Legion, Northside Post 858, we look forward to working with you and AARS on behalf of the people who gave their services to our country, the United States of America.

Please call me at (408) 729-1880 should you additional information.

Sincerely yours,


Bernardo B. Jasmin, Commander

CC: Mayor Chuck Reed, Vice-Mayor David Cortese, Councilpersons Pete Constant, Forrest Williams, Sam Licardo, Pierluigi Oliverio, Nora Campos, Madison Nguyen, Judy Chirco, Nancy Pyle

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American Legion Northside Post 858- Women's Auxilliary
Northside Community Center
488 North Sixth Street, Room 6
San Jose, CA 95112

April 16, 2007

Mr. Jeff Mori, Executive Director
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc. (AARS)
1340 Tully Road, Suite 304
San Jose, CA 95122

Dear Mr. Mori:

We welcome you to be the next operator of Northside Community Center and we look forward to working with you and the Asian American Recovery Services, Inc. (AARS) to provide services to our veterans and to Northside Community.

We welcome your willingness to hire Mr. Jack Jacinto, the current Veteran Services Coordinator, to provide escort services helping our husbands in seeking appropriate and available services for them. Having an office set aside to help Veterans and provide information and services will help the Veterans of Northside and Northside Community.

We welcome the addition of having a credentialed, certificated Filipino Social Worker who speaks our languages and knowledgeable of our historical traditions and cultures, who will be helping the Veterans so that they can apply for Post Stress Traumatic Disorder (PTSD) Veterans benefits. Many of our husbands are still suffering from the brutalities and inhumane treatment they suffered during WWII, Korean and Vietnam.

We also welcome you bringing back our Brown Bag Program. Most of us look forward to receiving a brown bag of groceries each week to supplement our Security Supplement Income (SSI) or other fixed incomes that we received each month.

As our home away from home, we also welcome your efforts to have a nutrition program that will be cooked on-site. Home cooked meals are different from catered delivery meals. We have such a beautiful kitchen yet at the same time we are not doing any cooking.

We welcome your idea of a technology program in which computers with Internet access will be made available to all of us. Some of us don't have

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computer access at home, so if internet access is available in the center, we would have an opportunity to get free e-mail addresses allowing us to e-mail our children, grandchildren and friends anywhere in the world.

But of course, we always welcome having back our Bingo Program. In addition to the Nutrition Program, Bingo provides us with an opportunity to be with friends while at the same time, play a little.

These and many more programs that you and AARS are proposing is a welcome site to Northside and the Northside Community. To this end, we look forward to you and AARS selection so that once again, the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig will be buzzing with people.

On behalf of American Legion Northside Post 858 Women's Auxiliary please let us know if we provide you with additional information. Please call Ms. Penny Aguila at (408) 417-1012.

Sincerely yours,


Hortense Galvan
President

CC: Mayor Chuck Reed
Vice Mayor David D. Cortese, Councilperson District 8
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Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
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Asian Law Alliance

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April 12, 2007

Jeff Mori
Executive Director
Asian American Recovery Services
965 Mission St., #325
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Northside Community Center

Dear Mr. Mori:

We understand that you are currently in negotiations with the City of San Jose to operate the Northside Community Center. We fully support your efforts. We currently provide services at the center including: community education workshops and legal consultations. Since July 2006 we have presented information at Northside on legal rights and responsibilities in the areas of consumer law, immigration law, public benefits and citizenship. We conducted a total of 8 presentations with 193 persons attending during that time period. It is our intention to continue to provide these services at the Northside Center when AARS manages the facility and we look forward to working with you and your staff.

Please contact me upon the conclusion of your negotiations with the City of San Jose so that we can further explore our collaboration with you at the Northside Community Center.

Sincerely,


Richard Konda
Executive Director



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Clarence Long
390 North Seventh Street
San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 287-1340

April 16, 2007

Mr. Jeff Mori, Executive Director
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc. (AARS)
1340 Tully Road, Suite 304
San Jose, CA 95122

Dear Mr. Mori:

My name is Clarence Long. For over 40 years, I have lived about one block and a half from Northside Center. I am also a register voter of District 3 and I have never yet missed an election. I am a WWII Veteran with the US Army, fought in the Philippines during WWII and a member of the expeditionary American forces during Japan's occupancy. I am also a Vice Commander of Northside Post 858 and a current Volunteer Coordinator of the Brown Bag Program at Alma Youth Center.

Under the Second Harvest Food Bank Program of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, the Brown Bag Program provides a weekly bag of groceries for qualified seniors. A free weekly bag of groceries would come a long way in helping some of us seniors who are on Security Supplemental Income (SSI) and on fixed incomes.

I have been a volunteer of the Brown Bag Program for over 15 years. I started volunteering with the Filipino American Senior Opportunities Development Council, Inc. (FilAmSODC) then the operator of the Northside Community Center. The Filipino pioneers built Northside Community Center during the 1970's and with the latest renovation; some services that were offered at Northside Community Center were moved to Alma Senior Center. One of these services was the Brown Bag Program.

When Northside's renovation was completed, Mr. Ben Menor, then the President/ CEO of FilAmSODC, told us that returning to Northside would dirty up the new center. Thus, we stayed, and with the approval of the Second Harvest Food Bank and Alma Senior Center, we continue to this day, providing these services to Northside clients as well as eligible seniors in the Alma neighborhood.

All of our volunteers voted that we want to come home to Northside. With AARS, we will be asking the approval of the Second Harvest Food Bank to move us back. Residents of the 96 senior housing units of Mabuhay Court should be eligible for our Brown Bag Program. So are the seniors around the Northside neighborhood. Once AARS receive official notification to be the next operator,

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we will canvas the neighborhood as well as Mabuhay Court for their participation.

At one time, our Brown Bag Program was serving over 100 seniors. We have no doubt that we can serve over 100 seniors again once we return to Northside and be able to use the center as our distribution.

Please call me at (408) 287-1340 if you have any question.

Sinceramente,

Clarence Long
Clarence Long
Brown Bag Volunteer Coordinator

CC: Mayor Chuck Reed
Vice Mayor David D. Cortese, Councilperson District 8
Councilperson Peter Constant, District 1
Councilperson Forrest Williams, District 2
Councilperson Sam Licardo, District 3
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525 W. Alma Ave., San Jose, CA 95125
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April 16, 2007

San Jose City Council
488 No. 6th Street
San Jose, CA 95112

To: San Jose City Council

Re: Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center) Operation

Dear City of San Jose Council members:

FOCUS (Filipino Community Support) would like to strongly support Asian American Recovery Services (AARS) in their desire to operate the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center, in partnership with Filipino Youth Coalition (FYC).

In our experience serving various sectors of the Filipino community in Santa Clara County, we deeply believe in the importance of supporting the work and programs of Asian American and Filipino American organizations that have a proven record of providing quality services to our community. We have met with the officers of these organizations and we are convinced that they have the commitment and the resources to provide quality service that we so need.

We recognize that Asian American Recovery Services and Filipino Youth Coalition will be responsible and accountable operators of the JTS Northside Community Center. It is my understanding that AARS has delivered excellent community services to our neighborhoods for more than a decade, and has distinguished itself as a specialist in culturally competent adult, youth, and family programs to Asian and Pacific Islander residents. We have also worked with FYC and their education and leadership development of Filipino American Youth. We are impressed and appreciative that their programs consistently address the needs and issues of hundreds of youth in Santa Clara County. We have a close relationship with FYC, and would like to continue this rapport at Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Center.

We appreciate this opportunity that the City of San Jose is providing through this RFP (Request For Proposal), and we enthusiastically recommend the awarding of this grant to Asian American Recovery Services and its collaborative partners. If there is a need for clarification, please contact me.

Signed:

FOCUS (Filipino Community Support)

Contact: Mara Mendoza Executive Director (408) 390.5568

Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
Attachment: B-6



April 16, 2007

Dear City of San Jose:

As the current Executive Director of Korean American Community Services, Inc. (KACS), I would like to express my strong support for Asian American Recovery Services' application to operate the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center.

Korean American Community Services, Inc. is a local San Jose community organization that was founded in Nov. 1979. Our purpose is to serve the needy and vulnerable segment of the community with collaboration with other agencies. We have over 1,000 members. The JTS Northside Community Center is an important facility for our organization because KACS has operated computer class for the residents in San Jose. Our group frequently utilizes the community center for meetings and large events, and we expect to utilize the facility for KACS events every year. Additionally, many of our members also have connections to the essential Northside community services either as persons who directly access the services or make referrals to friends and family. Therefore, KACS is keenly interested in the successful maintenance of JTS-Northside.

We recognize that Asian American Recovery Services will be an excellent operator of the JTS Northside Community Center. It is my understanding that AARS has delivered excellent community services to our neighborhoods for more than a decade, and has distinguished itself as a specialist in culturally competent adult, youth, and family programs to Asian and Pacific Islander residents. In its history of providing essential and culturally-competent services to Santa Clara County, its established record of managing large, successful community programs in the city, and its active participation as community service provider, AARS clearly demonstrates that it an exceptional organization that can capably run the center effectively and also promises to be well-matched to the community spirit of JTS-Northside.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that the City of San Jose is providing with this grant, and I again strongly recommend the awarding of this grant to Asian American Recovery Services. If I may be of any other assistance, please contact me at 408.489.1016.

Sincerely,

Hyemee Ahn, MSW
Executive Director
Korean American Community Services, Inc.

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To: jmoni@aars-inc.org

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April 14, 2007

San Jose City Council and
 Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
 488 No. 6th Street
 San Jose, CA 95112

To: San Jose City Council and Department of Parks, Recreation and
 Neighborhood Services
 Re: Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center) Operation

Dear City of San Jose Council members and PRNS Staff:

Malaya (an organization serving Filipina Women), strongly supports Asian American Recovery Services (AARS) in their aspiration to operate the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center, in partnership with Filipino Youth Coalition (FYC).

MALAYA believes in the significance of supporting the work and programs of Asian American and Filipino American organizations that have long standing efforts in improving the quality of services to our community. We have met with the officers of these organizations and we know that they have the commitment and the resources to provide quality services that are necessary in our community.

We recognize that Asian American Recovery Services and Filipino Youth Coalition will

be responsible and accountable operators of the JTS Northside Community Center. It is our understanding that AARS has delivered excellent community services to our neighborhoods for more than a decade, and has distinguished itself as a specialist in culturally competent adult, youth, and family programs to Asian and Pacific Islander residents. We have also worked with FYC and their education and leadership development of Filipino American Youth. We are impressed and appreciate that their programs consistently address the needs and issues of hundreds of youth in Santa Clara County. We have a close relationship with FYC, and would like to continue this rapport at Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Center.

We appreciate this opportunity that the City of San Jose is providing through this RFP (Request For Proposal), and we strongly recommend the awarding of this grant to Asian American Recovery Services and its collaborative partners. If there is a need for clarification, please contact us.

Signed: 

MALAYA (an organization committed in serving Filipina Women)
Contact: Stephanie Sayo, Member (408) 420.2886

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PAWIS

*Pilipino Association of
Workers and Immigrants*

In behalf of the officers and members of PAWIS (Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants), we would like to express our great appreciation and strong support for AARS and FYC in their application to operate the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center (JTSNCC).

Our members benefited from the services that JTSNCC provided when almost 300 (90% Filipinos) San Jose airport screeners were laid off in 2002 due to the passage of Aviation Transportation Security Act (ATSA). This crisis was a big disruption in our lives and we were left with no jobs and support for our families. JTSNCC was one of the organizations who supported us to get back on our feet again and move on with our new lives. They provided referral services to the individual needs of our members and we are so grateful for that.

The future is not in our hands and we don't know what will happen tomorrow. We will need a support when that time comes and we need an organization and a space that will provide the things that our community might need. We trust that AARS and FYC can continue this work and provide the services that our community need. With their long experience and expertise on this field, we believe that they will succeed.

We will be here to also support them if they need it. We hope that you can consider our strong recommendation and were looking forward in coming to the JTSNCC with AARS and FYC welcoming us.

Yours truly,



President

PAWIS (Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants)

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YU-AI KAI
JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICE
588 North 4th Street, San Jose, California 95112 (408) 294-2505

April 16, 2007

Jeff Mori
Executive Director
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.
1340 Tully Road, Suite 304
San Jose, CA 95122

April 16, 2007

Dear Mr. Mori,

As the current Executive Director of Yu-Ai Kai/Japanese American Community Service, we are pleased to express our support to your agency in providing services at the Jacinto "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center as a nearby agency in the neighborhood. We feel that seniors of all ethnic groups need specific services, and in particular, the Filipino community which was to be the nucleus of the "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center.

Our agency, Yu-Ai Kai/Japanese American Community Senior Service is expanding to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley North Side Center at 110 Jackson and will be renovating that building. Unfortunately, we cannot commit our programs to your future center, but we hope to collaborate with your agency as well as invite you to be part of our Minority Senior Providers Consortium. There is a great need for services of seniors whose population will be doubling in Santa Clara County by 2020 with the coming of the baby boomers and we commend your commitment to senior programs at the "Tony" Siquig Northside Community Center.

We fully support and thank Asian American Recovery Services and the Filipino Youth Center for your leadership and initiative in this new, groundbreaking community collaboration to improve the quality of life for youth, veterans and elders in this community. We look forward to working collaboratively with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions and let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you making this a success.

Sincerely,

Wesley K. Mukoyama L.C.S.W.
Executive Director

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